

Poverty War Resumed on Small Scale

HAYWARD—The war on poverty in Southern Alameda County, suspended last month following lengthy disputes over management and funding, is being resumed on a smaller scale and under a new banner: Associated Community Action Program (ACAP).

Already, the new agency has formed a governing board, composed of Hayward Mayor Ilene Weinreb as chairman; Dick Oliver, Union City councilman as vice chairman; and five other city council representatives: Louis Cortez of Newark, Joyce LeClaire of Pleasanton, Leon Mezzetti of Fremont, William Suerstedt of San Leandro, and Helen Tirsell of Livermore.

Next Wednesday, the governing board will install a 12-member administering board, which will assist it in developing programs and point out areas which warrant ACAP involvement.

The administering board will be composed of four members from the public sector, four from the private sector and four from low-income groups throughout Southern Alameda County. The governing board already has received nominations from the respective city councils and is awaiting nominations from the private sector and from the ranks of the poor.

Financially, the ACAP gets off to a slow but adequate start, with some \$7,500 of leftover funds from the now disbanded Southern Alameda County Economic Opportunity Agency in its coffers, plus some \$17,000 left over from OEO's so-called Community Action Team. In addition, the ACAP will take over the old SACEOA furniture and equipment, but so far no office space has been designated for the new agency.

Proposals for Aid to Poor Being Sought

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The Associated Community Action Program (ACAP) is accepting proposals from southern Alameda County individuals and organizations to assist the poor.

Applications for funds must be submitted to the ACAP office at 24041 Amador St., Hayward, no later than April 25, according to Suren G. Dutia, executive director of ACAP. Applications should be addressed to Bill Desimone.

ACAP, financed with federal poverty funds, is charged with assisting programs for education and training of low-income persons. It also has money for a range of programs aimed at improving life for the poor and disadvantaged, said Dutia.

The organization covers Livermore, Fremont, Hayward, Newark, Pleasanton, San Leandro and Union City and the unincorporated areas south of Oakland.

ACAP operates in cooperation with the Alameda County Training and Employment Board (ACTEB) to form a unique public agency governed by elected officials from each member government served. Mayor Ilene Weinreb of Hayward heads the governing board.

An administering board, responsible for day-to-day operations, has broad representation from public officials, business, labor and religious organizations, and representatives of low-income groups.

Dutia stressed that proposals for funding must demonstrate an ability to meet the needs of low-income persons, and must not duplicate effective existing services.

Projects must meet a specific recognized need or combination of needs for low-income individuals, said Dutia. Specific examples, he said, would be transportation, child development or referral centers.

Dutia said projects must coordinate their activities with those of other agencies providing similar services in the area. In addition, projects must obtain letters of support from local government officials and representatives of community organizations.

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Helen Tirsell Renamed to ACAP Board

LIVERMORE—Council-woman Helen Tirsell has been appointed to serve another term as a ~~director~~ of the ~~Associated Community Action~~ Program for Southern Alameda County.

Ms. Tirsell, who is beginning her second year on the city council, served on the ACAP board last year. The board includes 12 elected officials from 11 cities and the board of supervisors.

ACAP is responsible for assisting programs which provide education, training and job opportunities to low income and other disadvantaged families in southern Alameda County.